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TEMO BLOOD
DONORS CALLED
TO SAVE LIFE

The wife of a Salinas teamster whose life was in jeopardy during a serious operation and who needed immediate blood transfusions was given material aid last week by the new blood donor program of Monterey County Teamsters Union 890.

Union Secretary Peter A. Andrade of Local 890 said that four donors from the union list were at the hospital within 15 minutes after receipt of the call to give transfusions of live blood to Mrs. Alonzo Griffiths, who was in a serious condition.

Donors were listed as Bettie Johnson, union office secretary; Lloyd Bennett, of Firestone Stores; Melvin Davis, of Salinas Valley Ice Company; and A. A. Griffiths, of Liquid Ice Company.

Andrade said that 75 persons were listed on the union's new Blood Donor chart last week following establishment of the blood program, all prospective donors typed, and a record of blood types, hours of call and other information has been made.

The blood donor program was established by the union for just such emergencies as that which confronted Mrs. Griffiths, Andrade pointed out, explaining that there is no blood bank in the city and transfusions are frequently delayed, sometimes with fatality resulting, because of no list of donors.

Members of the union are urged to sign up for the blood donor program at once for such protection as was afforded Brother Griffiths.

Mrs. Griffiths is reported as vastly improved since the transfusions and is convalescing from the operation.

Salinas Culinary,
Bar Agreement
Negotiations On

Final draft of contract demands of the Salinas Bartenders Union 545 and Culinary Alliance 467 was submitted last week to the Citizens Association of Salinas, which will represent the employer in negotiations on the new agreements, Alfred Clark, secretary of the Joint Executive Boards of Local 545 and 467 announced.

The joint boards met several times last week to complete the proposed new contracts for submission to the employer group and the first meeting of the negotiations was slated for Monday.

Clark said the proposals are in line with wages throughout the Monterey Bay Area, and added that secretaries of unions of the crafts in the bay district have been meeting jointly to compare notes on negotiations and wage proposals.

Painters Busy
On Rodeo Stands

Union painters and laborers were busy this week in the huge project of repainting the seats and interior of the grandstands at the California Rodeo grounds in Salinas.

Contractor on the job is Williams & Son, of San Francisco. Twelve laborers were called to assist in scraping off old paint, sanding and preparing for the brush painting. Nine painters were called for the first portion of the painting project, union officials said.

16 Apprentices
In Butcher Fold

Butchers Union 506 in Monterey County area has a total of 16 apprentices in training to learn the meat business, according to Secretary Representative E. L. ("Pete") Courtwright.

In a report to Salinas Central Labor Council, Courtwright said the union's apprenticeship program has shown steady progress since its inception several years ago.

Culinary Accepts
Seven New Members

Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas initiated several new members at last week's meeting, according to secretary Bertha A. Boles.

Business at the meeting included routine matters plus a good discussion of current contract negotiations, she added.

Further report of the contract will be made to the members at the union's next meeting, at 8 p.m. next Monday.

Produce Drivers
Await NLRB Vote;
500 to Ballot

In the largest union shop election of this area thus far under the Taft-Hartley law, some 500 produce drivers of Watsonville, Salinas and Hollister areas will cast their ballots under auspices of the National Labor Relations Board shortly, it was announced last week.

Peter A. Andrade, secretary of Monterey County Teamsters Union 890, said that the drivers involved are those hauling from the field to the packing houses and the operators of harvesting equipment.

Local 890 and Teamsters Union 287 of San Jose are involved jointly in this election, Local 287 representing the drivers of Watsonville and Hollister, Andrade added.

Men involved are employed by some 50 companies of the Grower Shippers Vegetable Association of California.

Exact date of the election had not been set at the end of last week, Andrade said.

Social Security
Is Not Charity,
Unions Are Told

"Earned insurance, not charity" is the way J. J. Cassidy, manager of the Social Security Field Office serving this area, described old age survivors insurance benefits in a communication to unions this week.

Cassidy said that a number of people apologize when filing claims for benefits justly due them, and pointed out that the benefits are not a "dole" but rather "an annuity, based on the wage earners' contributions—their own right by purchase and something to be proud of."

Cases where wage earners 65 years of age and older have actually lost benefits by not filing a claim, sometimes just for the reason that they do not wish to admit their age, were explained by Cassidy.

Every wage earner when he becomes 65 should contact Cassidy in the San Jose headquarters of the Social Security Field Office, 28 North First St., Room 1003, San Jose. This office serves Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Clara counties.

Machinists Win
NLRB Election
At Watsonville

Machinists employed by Clark Manufacturing Company voted unanimously for union shop representation by Machinists and Mechanics' Union 1939 of Watsonville last week in an election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

Union Representative A. B. Woodward said that the vote was 5 to 0 in favor of the union.

The union has a contract in force already, with a wage of \$1.82½ per hour for journeymen, Woodward said.

A similar election was scheduled this week for the Clark Transportation Company (Coast Lines Transportation Company) in Watsonville, he added.

Secretaries Meet
At Watsonville

The "mutual assistance association" of secretaries of Culinary and Bartenders' unions in the Monterey Bay area held a meeting at Watsonville last Friday, it was announced.

Attending the luncheon meeting, at which the contract negotiations by various unions were discussed fully, were Mildred Rowe, secretary of Culinary-Bartenders 345 of Santa Cruz County; George Rice, secretary of Monterey Culinary-Bartenders 483; Al Clark, secretary of Salinas Bartenders 545, and Bertha A. Boles, secretary of Salinas Culinary 467.

BUTCHER HEADS
AT CHICAGO MEETING

Officials of Butchers' Union 506 of San Jose, which also serves Watsonville, Monterey, Salinas and Hollister areas, were in Chicago last week attending the Golden Anniversary Convention of the International Butchers' Union.

The delegates included E. L. Courtwright, business agent for this area; Earl A. Moorhead, executive secretary of the union; and Fred L. Feil, business agent in the San Jose district.

Unionism Class
For Officials
Of Unions Seen

Offer from Ronald W. Houghton, labor-management relations department director at the University of California, to conduct a series of educational courses for union business agents in the Salinas area is being studied by the Central Labor Council at Salinas, it was announced last week.

Houghton sent to Peter A. Andrade, former council secretary and secretary of Teamsters Union 890, a copy of the agenda for courses given for 125 business agents of unions of the San Francisco Central Labor Council and urged his support to get such a series of courses underway in Salinas under auspices of the university.

In his letter to Andrade, Houghton said in part:

"I am writing as to whether or not the Salinas Central Labor Council or some of the local union groups would be interested in undertaking a series of educational courses."

"... In the series for about 125 business agents affiliated with the San Francisco Central Labor Council, a rather nicely printed certificate of completion of the course, signed by university authorities and a trade union-sponsored leader was awarded."

"The San Francisco Labor Council type of course is not the only approach available. You might wish to include some educational sessions along with union or Central Labor Council meetings. The April 23 meeting of the San Francisco Council series was of that sort and highly successful. . . . Some people say it was the most interesting labor council meeting they had attended in a long time."

"Another possible approach is to undertake a more concentrated presentation of any one of the subjects listed . . . social insurance, workmen's compensation, disability insurance, or statistics."

Andrade said he would request the labor council at Salinas to sponsor such a series of courses for union officials.

LABORERS BUSY
ON MANY JOBS

Laborers of Local 272 of Salinas were continuing to be all employed last week on many various jobs in the Salinas area, according to Business Manager J. B. McGinley of the union.

Projects include a swimming pool installation by Paddock Engineering Co. of San Mateo at the home of Dr. F. H. Smith on Carmel Ave., in the Maple Park district of Salinas.

Pacific Builders are busy with a sewer line project in the Mission Park district.

Contractor F. H. Hampshire is getting the footing ready for the new 5000-seat grandstand at the new Salinas baseball park north of the Rodeo grounds.

Construction of several small homes in Monterey Park No. 2 is progressing well. Contractors include F. H. Hampshire, Cliff Hicks, Gene Oakley and others.

More Building
Projects Seen
For Monterey

Prospects of additional major building projects in the Monterey area were seen last week by union officials co-incidental with the announcement of start of the big water supply dam above Carmel, it was reported.

The Del Monte Properties Co., having turned the big hotel and property over to the government for its Naval Training School, must build new offices and other buildings shortly, off the hotel grounds, according to reports.

A new Del Monte Laundry building is to be erected also, according to announcements.

Several new housing projects are contemplated in the area.

All will provide more work for building tradesmen, officials say.

SOME SALMON
PACKED HERE

A small quantity of fresh salmon was shipped to the California Packing Corporation plant on Monterey's "Cannery Row" last week for canning, the Fish Cannery Workers' Union reports.

The salmon, shipped from near Eureka, was sent to only the one plant, it was said.

Meanwhile, other plants continued to pack some squid, caught locally, the union said.

Teachers Win



These school kids give encouragement to picketing members of the Teachers' Alliance (AFL) in Providence, R.I. But they didn't have to stay out very long as the city ended a two-day strike by offering the teachers pay increases and a single salary schedule. The Teachers' Union (CIO) and an independent union gave the walkout solid support.

State Fed. Opposes UMT, Endorses
Draft, Discusses Political Plans

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco—At the last quarterly meeting of the Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor, held here at the Hotel Whitcomb May 1 and 2, it was decided that the Federation take the same position as the American Federation of Labor in opposing universal military training, but endorsing "a limited and temporary" draft law as "necessary and desirable" for the nation's security. This action was taken following the referral to the Executive Council of Convention Resolution No. 72. This was the last resolution not yet acted upon, and final decision had been held up until the AFL's position could be ascertained.

The vacancy in Vice-Presidential District 15 was filled with the election of Roy Walker, secretary-treasurer of the Northern California District Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers. Concurring in the recommendation of many unions from that district, and with no other candidates proposed, the action in selecting Walker was unanimous.

A very full and detailed discussion took place on the reapportionment and political education campaigns. The need to obtain greater financial response from the unions for the reapportionment campaign was stressed. It was decided that the vice-presidents would redouble their efforts in their respective territories to obtain greater cooperation from the local unions. All organizations which have not yet sent in their contributions will be requested to do so at once.

Council action on federal legislation was as follows: Opposition was registered against the Gearhart Bill, which was passed over the President's veto, and which withdrew social security coverage from an estimated three-quarters of a million persons. The resolution introduced by Representative Gearhart circumscribes and nullifies the Supreme Court decision of nearly a year ago which interpreted the Social Security Act so that the coverage would have been extended to many persons who have hitherto been classified as independent contractors and therefore not eligible. Opposed a cut in the appropriation for the Department of Labor. Favored the repeal of the unjust tax on oleomargarine. Supported legislation providing for wage increases to postal employees.

Action on various resolutions submitted to the Executive Council: Protest to the State Department of Agriculture in regard to the signing of a new agreement, or the continuance of any agreement, for the importation of Mexican nationals into the United States to be used as laborers, concurred in. Also concurred in all resolutions condemning the PG&E as being mainly responsible for the present power shortage. Full moral support to the striking Typographical Unions was endorsed. The Federation also concurred in a resolution to use all of its resources to bring pressure to bear to hold prices in line.

Arrangements for the annual convention of the Federation are under way. The date, as reported earlier, is September 27-October 2; the place, Long Beach. The official call will be issued in accordance with the provisions of the constitution. It was decided that another

Taft-Reuther
Tangle in Radio
Debate on Prices

Washington (LPA)—Senator Robert Taft, GOP presidential aspirant, is going to learn soon that he shouldn't make confident predictions in the presence of Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers.

Recently, in a radio debate over the CBS network, Reuther reminded the senator that when they met at a Senate hearing in February 1947, Taft said that prices were just about ready to come down. "That was in February 1947, more than a year ago," the UAW head reminded Taft. "Since then prices have continued to go up more than 10 per cent."

"Price control ended in November 1946," Reuther said. "From November 1946 to January 1948, production only increased 2 per cent. Prices went up 17 per cent and the profits of 1,500 manufacturing corporations, according to the National City Bank, went up 54 per cent more in 1947 than in 1946."

Nettled by Reuther's argument, Taft came back with a prediction that he also may live to regret.

Said Taft: "I believe very strongly that competition can be enforced and that competition is bound to bring prices down. These profits will take care of themselves in time. . . . I think as a steady diet the present profits are much too high, but competition will bring them down."

Geyer Starts
Hospital Heat
Plant Project

Contractor Harold C. Geyer of Monterey, has started construction of the new heating plant for the Monterey County Hospital at Salinas, it was announced last week by George R. Harter, business agent of Salinas Carpenters Union 925.

The project will cost about \$345,000, according to estimates, and will take several months, providing added equipment for carpenters and other building craftsmen of the area.

Big Pipe Line
Project Starts

Working under Key Contractors, Inc., of Santa Fe Springs, Calif., laborers and other union members from Salinas unions were busy last week on a big pipe line project near Lockwood, in the southern part of Monterey County.

Business Agent J. B. McGinley of Laborers Union 272, said that the project was for the Union Oil Co. and would continue for some time.

Teamsters Win
Firestone Vote;
Others Scheduled

General Teamsters Union 890 of Salinas and Monterey County announced last week that the union's record in National Labor Relations Board elections under the Taft-Hartley law's clause calling for union shop balloting is practically unanimous in favor of the union.

Peter A. Andrade, secretary of Local 890, said that the union is "battling better than 999 in the elections" thus far—that only three drivers or warehousemen thus far have voted against a union shop form of representation.

Last week at the Firestone Service Station in Salinas the vote was 6 to 0 in favor of the union shop.

In the ice industry election, covering 17 plants in Watsonville and Salinas, an election in which Teamsters Union 287 of San Jose also figured, the vote of some 140 drivers and warehousemen resulted in only three votes against the union, Andrade said.

Last Friday the union shop election was scheduled for the Minick Transfer Co. in Salinas.

On Wednesday of this week about 20 employees of the Rapid Harvest Co. shops will vote on the union shop issue.

Also on Wednesday, approximately 14 employees under Local 890 jurisdiction in five Salinas lumber yards will cast their union shop ballots.

On Thursday, there will be a NLRB election at the Meyenberg Milk Co. plant at Soledad for drivers and warehousemen.

Exact date of the Poultry Products Assn. elections in the Salinas area was not known last week, Andrade said. This will be a statewide election on the union shop issue, he added.

Carpenter Wage
Still in Doubt

Although union carpenters in the Northern California area are due for a wage increase, the amount of the increase is still in doubt, Business Agent George R. Harter of Carpenters 925 of Salinas reported last week.

Harter was called to San Francisco on Tuesday of last week and again this week to attend negotiation meetings being conducted between officials of carpenter unions in 46 Northern California counties and representatives of the Associated General Contractors of California.

He said that no agreement on the wage increase had been reached but that it was expected that an increase would be won by the unions.

Full report on negotiations meetings will be given to union carpenters at the next regular meeting.

Mary Roberts
New Office Sec.
For Bartenders

Mrs. Mary Roberts has been engaged as office secretary for Culinary-Bartender Union 483 of Monterey and vicinity, according to George L. Rice, union secretary and business representative.

She succeeds Margaret McCormick, who resigned the post to go east, Rice added. Mrs. Roberts' husband is Vernon Roberts, a member of Butchers Union 506, employed in Carmel.

Co-ordinators
Cancel Meeting

Last regular meeting of the AFL-Co-ordinating Committee of Salinas was cancelled because several key union officials were out of town, it was announced.

Secretary Carl Lara of the committee was attending an apprentice conference and when it was learned that others could not attend, the session was cancelled.

Important business scheduled was laid over to the next meeting May 26, it was said.

LIQUOR FIRM
ON BAD LIST

Teamsters Union 890 reported last week that the Monterey County Liquor Co., 232 Monterey St., Salinas, is still on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas, having refused to sign a union agreement with Local 890.

Secretary Peter A. Andrade of the union has appealed to all unions for assistance in organizing this firm.

POLITICAL COMMITTEE URGES
HARRIS' ELECTION ON FRIDAY;
EMLAY, RICE ALSO SUPPORTED

All voters in the Salinas Union High School District were urged this week by the Monterey County United AFL Political and Educational Committee to be sure to vote on Friday, May 21, in the school election, and were asked specifically to support Albert A. Harris, candidate for the high school Board of Trustees.

The UAFLPEC is also supporting Fred Emlay, Salinas taxicab company operator, and George L. Rice, Monterey union official, for election to state office of senator and assemblyman in the general elections on June 1, according to Peter A. Andrade, chairman of the committee.

Harris, president of General Teamsters Union 890, said that he has no personal ambition in seeking the high school board post, but that he was willing to acquaint himself with problems of the school system and to support the best interests of the community.

Harris resides in the Alisal district of Salinas, is a home owner and taxpayer and has two sons in school.

Fred Emlay, former assemblyman, is seeking election to the state senate campaign against Fred Weybret, incumbent. Emlay's record as a businessman and as an assemblyman are basis for his campaign. He has two sons who served in World War II.

George L. Rice is business representative of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey. He is a navy veteran of World War II and has pledged himself to serve the best interests of all the people of his district (Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties) if elected.

Water Supply
Dam Started
In Carmel Hills

Construction of a new dam to provide a more adequate water supply for Monterey and vicinity started last week by the Macco Construction Co.

Business Representatives M. G. Murphy of Engineers 3 and S. M. Thomas of Laborers 690 traveled to the dam-site last week with Macco construction engineers to survey the scene and help in arrangements for the six months' project.

The dam is going up across the Carmel River at the top of the Carmel Valley, in the King's Canyon area about 30 miles from Monterey, it was reported.

First step is to build roads to the site so that heavy equipment may be brought in, officials said.

A workers' camp will be established near the construction site as a convenience to the construction crews and meals and shelter will be offered workers at a nominal daily rate, it was announced.

Ice Wage Pact
Offer Reported
By Engineers

A special meeting of operating engineers of Local 39, serving Monterey County, was held in the Salinas area last month to explain the wage offer for engineers in the ice industry, according to R. A. Christiansen, representative.

Officials of the union recommended acceptance of the compromise wage and the contracts were completed, he added.

Organization of plants in Del Monte, Castroville and Monterey is progressing well, Christiansen added.

The union appealed for better attendance at regular meetings in the Salinas area, pointing out that when meetings are postponed because of poor attendance or when business cannot be completed, special called meetings become necessary.

WINGS CAFE
UNION AGAIN

Three restaurants in Salinas operated by Eddie Leu under the names of "Wing's Cafe" were union again this week following a dispute with Culinary Alliance 467 which had resulted in Secretary Bertha Boles removing the union house cards from all three places.

Mrs. Boles said she removed the house cards because of contract violations including use of non-union workers in the restaurants.

Proprietor Leu agreed later to comply with union contract provisions, however, and the house cards were returned, she said.

No Picket Lines,
Say Bartenders;
Negotiations On

Monterey restaurant and bar operators need not be concerned with the rumors current in Monterey area that Hotel & Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union 483 is planning to resort to picket lines to win a new wage contract, according to union Business Representative George L. Rice.

Terminating the rumors as false and "apparently in an effort to confuse the issues," Rice said that the union has not taken a strike vote and added that all employers who are fair to the union need not worry about being picketed.

The rumors were being circulated last week that the union is planning a mass walkout. Rice said there was "absolutely no foundation" for such a report.

"In event our negotiations now underway do break down," Rice added, "all employers covered by the associations in the negotiations will be given ample notice before any action of any kind is taken by the union."

Local 483 has announced publicly, Rice explained that the chief interest is in peaceful negotiations for a fair and just contract, a contract which will be fair and just for both the employer and the workers.

Negotiations have been underway for about a month and some progress is being made, Rice said. Such false rumors, however, are confusing and may cause a breakdown in the progress of contract talks.

LARA ATTENDS
APPRENTICE
MEET AT BOYES

Carl Lara, president of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas, was in Boyes Springs last week attending the 11-state apprenticeship training conference as official representative of the council.

Lara was delegated to attend the meeting following a request from Earl Meyers, apprenticeship training representative, who addressed the labor council and told of the urgency of the objective the coordination of standard of apprentice activities throughout the west.

Labor council Secretary William G. ("Bud") Kenyon reports that the labor council meeting generally was routine in nature with the big item of business, other than selection of Lara as delegate, being donation of \$150 to the United AFL Political and Education Committee of Monterey County.

Laundry Worker
Official Visits

Officials of Laundry Workers Union 26 of San Francisco, headed by Secretary Tillie Clifford, were in Salinas last week to assist Laundry Workers 258 and Dry Cleaners 258-B in current problems.

Mrs. Clifford brought Margie Dyke, her office secretary, along to help with book work while business representatives of the San Francisco area made necessary contacts.

The two Salinas locals still are without a secretary or business representative, no successor named as yet to John W. Dorr, who resigned to accept a state post.

Casa de Lindy
Signs Contract

Joanne's Casa de Lindy, new restaurant on Highway 101 north of Salinas, was under a union contract today, having signed last week with Culinary Alliance 467 prior to the grand opening of the new house.

Betha A. Boles, union secretary, said that Joanne Meifort, proprietor of the new restaurant, invited union officials to the grand opening.

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HINTS for your HOME

MONEY SAVING MAIN DISHES

(Editor's Note:) It takes know-how to lick the high cost of living and still feed your family delicious and healthful food. The Agriculture Department has printed a new cookbook available at no cost, which contains this and many other recipes for meals that won't leave your budget flat as an old fire at the week's end. Clip and save these recipes, and share this new labor press service with your neighbors.)

BROWN BEEF STEW

1 pound boneless stewing beef
Salt and pepper
Flour
Drippings
1½ cups water
3 potatoes, diced
2 onions, sliced
3 carrots, diced
1 cup green beans
Cut meat into inch cubes. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, roll in flour, and brown in drippings. Add water, cover and simmer until almost tender—2 to 3 hours. Add vegetables, season with salt and pepper, and continue to simmer, covered, until vegetables are done. Stir occasionally.

TO COMPLETE THE MEAL

Serve with coleslaw or green salad, and a baked pear or peach for dessert.

For Variety

Green Tomato Stew—Use ½ chopped onion in place of sliced ones. Brown with the meat. Use two medium sized green tomatoes, quartered, instead of green beans.

Lamb or Veal Stew—Use breast or neck of lamb or veal in place of beef and ½ cup diced turnips instead of green beans.

Quick Stew with Hamburg—Use hamburger in place of stewing meat. Brown the meat, add vegetables and water and simmer. The stew will be done in half an hour or less.

AFM to Give Free Concerts

New York.—The American Federation of Musicians (AFM) will spend \$1,736,721.62 during the next nine months to bring free concerts to veterans' hospitals, public parks, youth groups and other public service projects.

Announcement of the union's plans for its second—and possibly last—year of continent-wide free music was made by AFM Pres. James C. Petrillo. Financing of the program comes from a fund created by royalties paid on records and transcriptions under an arrangement with the companies which was terminated last December 31 because of the Taft-Hartley law's ban on such welfare funds.

Payment of royalties has now been stopped, killing off the source of income for a free music program in 1949.

The appropriation for the second year of the program exceeds by \$300,000 the money spent in 1947. Allocations from the fund are made on a per capita basis to the federation's 700 locals, with the amount adjusted to avoid disproportionate spending in the three areas of greatest membership—New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. This year each local is scheduled to receive \$9.40 a member for the first 5,000 members and \$1.78 a member thereafter.

Funds will be spent in employing members of the AFM, which first conceived of the project as a means of aiding musicians whose jobs were being wiped out by the half-billion dollar juke box and canned music industry.

Administrative expenses in 1947 were less than one half of one percent and the same policy will be adhered to this year, Petrillo said. Locals may make their own decisions on the kind of projects they sponsor, but all events must be free to the public.

Last year \$1,444,700 was spent to provide 10,495 performances, most of them in veterans' hospitals and other institutions, for teen-age dances in combatting juvenile delinquency, and for public concerts. In a number of cases co-sponsoring civic organizations and municipalities provided additional funds to bring a continued music season to their communities. It is expected that such programs will be expanded in 1948.

Labor Groups Help Vets Obtain Bonus

Columbus, Ohio.—State labor bodies have won for their affiliates an authorization from the Ohio state government to participate in the distribution of veterans' bonus application forms. Local unions with 100 or more World War II veterans among their membership are obtaining the application forms for distribution to labor vets. The unions thereby are put in a position where they are able to help their members through the red tape. Union leaders have participated in a state training program for people who are to help with the forms.

Congress Knives Social Security

M. H. HEDGES, Labor Press Associates Feature Writer

The people of the United States voted for a social security program. The social security law is a fact. American labor has given universal support to social security in principle and in fact. Business men have given universal lip service to social security. No one has asked Congress openly to cripple the social security program.

But—
The Appropriations Committee of the House has utilized its function as a fiscal body to rewrite the federal social security law, and has set up stipulations on the administration of the Social Security Act which in effect makes far-reaching over-all policy. The Appropriations Committee has made a strong pretense at performing the constitutional function of the committee, but it has, in effect, made it impossible for social security to function efficiently and democratically. Millions, even billions of dollars are involved, a great part of which vast sum has been paid into the U. S. Treasury by the people themselves; is owned by the workers. Involved, too, is the future welfare and happiness of millions.

Newspaper headlines announced that the House Appropriations Committee had cut \$20,000,000 off the budget of the Federal Security Agency. Newspapers forgot to remark that a deep cut had been given into that agency last year. Newspapers failed to go into details as to where this cut fell most heavily. Here is what this cut does:

It cuts 94 per cent of the functions of Commissioner A. J. Aitmyer, head of Social Security.

It cuts Commissioner Aitmyer's staff 66 per cent. Informational and research staffs, which keep

workers informed of their rights, are virtually abolished.

It practically guts the regional offices of the Social Security Administration.

It makes coordination of activities of SSA impossible.

It builds competition between old age insurance agency, employment security, public assistance, and children's bureau.

In short, the Appropriations Committee is nullifying the social security law under the guise of fiscal policy.

The particular leader of this assassination movement in the House is Representative Frank B. Keefe of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. A 62-year-old lawyer, with mysterious advisers, he has been the head of a wrecking crew in the House on other matters besides social security. This is government by indirection, but it is also government out of vindictiveness and resentment. It is politics at its worst. It is mean and clandestine. It strikes at the very heart of social legislation.

Labor is taking a new interest in politics. Labor had better. Labor was goaded into this position by the passage of the inept Taft-Hartley Act. But far more serious to the welfare of wage-earners is the attack on social security. The Taft-Hartley Act is not working, but the crippling of social security can be put in effect and made to look as if it works.

Representative Keefe has made a new great issue for labor. The workers should rise up to a man and demand the removal of this legislative trickster. There is still time to stop the murder of social security in the Senate—if labor will act.

Rail Labor Act Inadequate

BRADFORD V. CARTER, Labor Press Associates Feature Writer

For years the Railway Labor Act was hailed as a "model" law in the field of labor relations. Many a magazine and newspaper chanted hosannas to this law for maintaining "peace on the rails." They called for adoption of similar legislation to cover all industry.

Also, the Railroad Brotherhoods were pictured as the salt of the earth—solid, responsible, conservative—the kind of unions that were "good for the country."

What a change today! Now the Railway Labor Act is being pounded as a failure, and the Railroad Brotherhoods—or some of them at least—are being lambasted as anarchistic, high-handed, and what-not. Has the act failed? Have the Brotherhoods suddenly gone berserk? A bit of background may help provide the answers.

Back in the '80s and '90s strikes on the rails were frequent and violent. Many a pitched battle was fought between strikers and railroad guards; car barns and roundhouses were burned down, locomotives were wrecked.

Slowly the railroads came under more and more regulation by law—both with respect to labor relations, and rates and operating practices. On the labor side, the round of legislation culminated in the Railway Labor Act of 1926.

Management and labor, surprisingly enough, joined hands to put the 1926 law through Congress. It placed a positive duty on both sides to make and maintain collective agreements; it prohibited interference with the right to organize; it provided mediation machinery and voluntary arbitration, and was captioned with Emergency (Fact-Finding) Boards to settle disputes that threatened to lead to strikes.

But the 1926 act lacked teeth. Some carriers continued to form "company unions" and to intimidate employees belonging to regular unions. To meet that situation, the rail unions in 1934—over management

opposition—induced Congress to enact an amended Railway Labor Act, much stronger than the earlier one.

It included stiffer curbs against "company unions." It outlawed "yellow dog" contracts. It fixed fines and jail terms for employers or their agents who interfered with workers' rights to organize. That's the act which is on the books today.

Under it, Railroad Brotherhoods made much headway. They wiped out old "company unions" by the score. They attained virtual 100 per cent organization of the "iron horse." By and large, their wage scales were in the vanguard.

In the late '30s a significant change occurred, as unionism made tremendous headway in industries heretofore unorganized. Steadily, wage scales in these industries mounted; those on the railroads failed to keep pace. The 40-hour week became firmly established in nearly all industries; the 48-hour week remained in most crafts on the railroads.

On top of that, wartime freezing put the brakes on efforts of the Brotherhoods to overcome the lag. Also, attempts by some of the Brotherhoods to modernize obsolete working rules and improve working conditions have run up against a stone wall of management opposition.

As a result, rail workers have become more restless; there is less disposition by them to accept unfair or inadequate recommendations by Emergency Boards. There is a constant pressure from underneath to get more.

That doesn't mean the Railway Labor Act has broken down beyond repair. Nor have the Brotherhoods turned violently radical.

What seems to be needed is a more realistic administration of the act; a disposition by rail managements to do some genuine bargaining, and a recovery by the rail unions of some of their lost ground. That will restore "peace on the rails."

U.S. Saving German Monopolies

Berlin.—American trust-busters sent to Germany to administer the February 1947 decartelization law for breaking up Nazi industrial monopolies are now being busted themselves by U. S. occupation authorities, who have turned to restoring German big business instead of curbing it.

W. Johnson Avery and Frances W. Laurent, appointed to Germany after distinguished service under President Roosevelt's anti-trust Attorney General Thurman Arnold in New Deal days, have resigned in disgust over this development. They and 17 other American officers of the U. S. occupation's decartelization branch had previously been branded "disloyal" by Major General George P. Hays, assistant U. S. military governor, for writing a letter to Representative George G. Sadowski (D., Mich.) which the congressman read in the House March 25.

The letter charged that Phillips Hawkins and Richardson Bronson, top U. S. officials in charge of decartelization, had urged their subordinates to ignore and subvert the trust-busting law and to refrain from action that would embarrass revival of the cartels they were supposed to break up. Hawkins is a son-in-law of Assistant Army Secretary William H. Draper, in private life a senior executive of Dillon, Read and Company, of Wall Street, with which Defense Secretary James V. Forrestal is also connected. Dillon, Read and Company invested heavily in German trusts between World Wars I and II, and is still financially interested.

Bronson called in decartelization officers March 11 to announce a "new policy" that reversed previous instructions, the letter said. But he refused to produce any written copy of this new policy—or even to circulate a memorandum of his remarks. The main points of his announcement, the officers wrote, were as follows:

1. No trusts were to be broken up in capital goods or heavy industry.
2. No action was to be taken against "vertical integrations" (single ownership over all resources and processing related to any product, such as coal and iron mines, steel mills, machine tool manufacturing and marketing in the case of steel).
3. No action was to be taken against the Henschel Trust, which made all locomotives and produced

Hitler's wartime Tiger tanks, or against the VKF ball bearing monopoly (related to SKF in the U. S.) despite the fact that the Anglo-American Decartelization Commission had found these to be "excessive concentrations."

4. Enterprises against which no action is taken to be given "a clean bill of health soon."

The officers protested that monopolies in heavy industry are the key to German potentialities for renewed aggression, which the decartelization branch was supposed to uproot. The effect of Bronson's "new policy" would be "to leave the fundamental concentrations of economic power intact while engaging in little more than harassing attacks on smaller companies," they said.

In his speech in Congress March 25, Sadowski charged: "Germany . . . is being rebuilt for the same despicable pack of militarists, cartelists and Junkers who made Hitler's war machine. The process has been going on for more than two years. At first it was done in secret. Now with ERP (European Recovery Program) the rebuilding of Germany has come out into the open."

Sadowski prefaced his remarks about the letter from the 19 decartelization officers by saying: "I hope it has not become a sin for a Democrat to criticize monopolists, cartelists and international bankers." He charged further that "a reconstructed cartel-ridden Germany is the very heart of ERP . . . a new Germany which in every important respect is like the Germany which twice in our lifetime set loose untold destruction upon the world."

Besides saving German cartels, Sadowski declared, the U. S. is "saving the men who built the cartels. If the orders of President Roosevelt had been carried out, none of the industrialists who committed war crimes would be left in positions of trust in western Germany."

Among these men, Sadowski listed Alfred Hugenberg, a member of Hitler's first cabinet now active in German steel; Ernst Poenagen, Nazi retired by Hitler himself "for use after defeat," now head of the German steel trust; Wilhelm Zangen, active Nazi now reviving the European tube cartel; Wolf Witzleben, found guilty of war crimes by a denazification court but returned to his post in the Siemens electrical trust, and over 20 others.

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Government as Strikebreaker

Matters have come to a sad pass for labor when government assumes the role directly or indirectly as strikebreaker. This is what virtually happened when our national government took over the railroads to help the owners of the railways to keep their operations from becoming strikebound.

The workers involved were told that if they struck they would be striking against the government, which implies that dire consequences could befall them and their union treasuries, if they were to strike against this set-up of the government.

What this should bring home to every worker is that already many rights of labor, which a short year ago were counted as gained and established, are now being trampled under foot. With the aid of the Taft-Hartley law, his attorney general and the army President Truman has suddenly become the champion strikebreaker in America. He helped break the railway men's strike before it got a chance to get under way.

For the time being the union wreckers are in the saddle, but no issue has been settled and no problem has been solved. Labor is learning the hard way how unwise it is to elect as president any man who is willing to be a strikebreaker or to elect lawmakers who will enact anti-labor laws.

Reducing Living Standards

Everybody with nothing but fixed-incomes to depend on for their livelihood can realize without argument that price increases lower their standard of living. But what many people do not comprehend is how trade union members, whose wages have been increased, also are living under lower standards, than they did formerly.

It is true that if workers had received no wage increases during this period of rising prices they would be worse off than they are with such wage increases as have been granted to various groups of workers. But the stale and worn out claim that the reason for our price increases is that wage increases have made it necessary, is almost wholly untrue. In fact the real truth is that invariably living costs increase first until the worker no longer can get ends to meet, and finally after years of getting worse more wages are demanded and if not granted strikes often result.

Let us talk in figures. Price increases during recent years have been averaged up and found to total 33½ billion dollars. During the same period wages have been increased only 5½ billion dollars, most of which goes to pay withholding taxes, hence higher costs of food, rent, clothes, etc., force all to skimp and lower their standard of living. For most workers conditions are getting worse.

It Costs to Learn

That all human beings, including both organized and unorganized workers, should be so prone to learn the hard way is nothing new. It has always been so and right now we are in the midst of an era when workers generally are beginning to reap the fruit of their own neglect and indifference.

Unless the workers of America learn very speedily and effectually that it makes a world of difference to them, whom they help elect to Congress and whom they elect as President of the United States, they are right now in grave danger of losing rights and liberties, which it has taken our whole national existence to establish.

What labor has won during the past two generations by struggle and sacrifice is now placed in jeopardy by the Taft-Hartley law. Unless this law is repealed, or nullified by being declared unconstitutional, it is the beginning of fascism in the United States. This evil law is aiming straight for the restoration of slavery and involuntary servitude.

It is a bitter lesson for labor to learn this at this late hour, when so many workers fancied their liberties were safe and secure. No right is secure any longer than it continues to function. The price of liberty is now and always has been eternal vigilance. Whenever people go to sleep they lose everything.

Economists have computed that price increases, since O. P. A. was killed, total approximately thirty-three billion dollars. Wage increases, which are usually blamed for this increase amounted during the same period to only five and one-half billion dollars. This leaves a difference of twenty-seven and one-half billion dollars that somebody else than labor got. Do you get it, or do you still think that all price increases were due wholly to wage increases?

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MINUTES

Central Labor Council

Minutes of the meeting of May 4, 1948

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Edwards. Bro. Carl, of the Carpenters, was elected as chairman of the meeting.

The regular order of business was suspended and Dr. Everett G. Cunningham, a candidate for the State Senate, was introduced and addressed the Council on the issues of the campaign. He stated emphatically that he is in favor of complete freedom of press and of speech. He says that under present conditions we do not have such freedom. He also stated that he is in complete sympathy with the cause of labor.

The roll call showed the presence of 12 delegates from eight locals. Three now delegates, Ed Hartshorn and Clark McCarty, of the Bus Drivers, and Martin Connors, of the Bartenders and Culinary Alliance, were present but without credentials. It was moved, seconded, and passed that they be seated for this meeting, pending later receipt of credentials.

Bro. Rice reported on the meeting in Sacramento regarding the Central Valley Project. There were at the meeting many representatives of A. F. of L. unions, about 500 farm representatives, 35 or 40 C.I.O. delegates, and representatives from many independent organizations. This Conference went on record as favoring the passage of bills for the completion of the C.V.P. The P. G. & E. was severely criticized as being primarily responsible for the power and water shortage in California. There was noticeable a growing spirit of unity among all the delegates at the Conference.

The EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE reported on its work in the campaign. They have endorsed Bro. Rice and Mr. Enlay for election to the California Legislature. They reported an acute need for funds for campaign work. Candidates endorsed by labor cannot look to corporations for campaign funds. They cannot hope to win without putting on a campaign that costs considerable money. All locals are urged to contribute what they can and should consider such appropriations as necessary expense rather than expense.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to allow Bro. George Rice \$15 toward his expense in attending the Sacramento Conference.

Various communications were presented and considered.

It was announced that Bro. Rice will broadcast over KDON the evenings of May 26, 28, and 30 between 6 and 7 (fifteen minutes each time—watch for exact time).

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the chairman appoint a committee of three to revise the constitution and by-laws and to consider the question of an increase in dues to the council. Bro. E. E. Winters, Ed Hartshorn, and Mrs. Moreau were appointed.

The Bus Drivers reported that they are making a demand for an increase in wages from \$81.27 to \$1.40 per hour and asked the support of the Council in their demands.

The Barbers reported a very good meeting—good attendance, and that they voted \$100 for the campaign fund.

The Bartenders reported that they had rejected the employers' counter proposal and had voted to continue negotiations. There is some hope of a slight increase in wages. They reported a brief controversy with Engelo's regarding the wearing of the union button. After a few hours the dispute was satisfactorily settled. One member of their union has just died and her heirs benefit by \$1000 from the insurance recently arranged for by their local.

The Carpenters reported that they had voted \$50 for the campaign fund.

The Motion Picture Operators reported a routine meeting.

The Teamsters reported a good regular meeting and three new members initiated. They reported that the Mission Creamery and the Carmel Dairy are unfair. The Golden State Company is all union. The Pine Ridge Dairy was reported as very friendly to organized labor.

The Typographical Union reported no meeting.

The financial report, was read and accepted and the meeting adjourned.

WAYNE EDWARDS,

Secretary-Treasurer.

P.S.—Please note particularly the items about the need of the campaign committee for funds and announcing the broadcasts, over KDON by Bro. Rice.

South Africa Transport Boosts Overtime Pay

Capetown.—Under the Industrial Conciliation Act a new agreement has been signed, effective from September 1, between the Kimberley Bus Services, Ltd. and the Kimberley Transport-workers' Union. The minimum wage will not be less than 48 times the hourly wage in the case of a driver or conductor. No employee will be employed for longer than a month who is not a member of the union.

LOCAL 483 REPORTS



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Your secretary barely has time for a brief report this week. The International Union reports, the insurance claims for our late Sister Juanita Daniels, and lots of other important paper work has piled up and must be attended to. The big hindrance, of course, is the continuance of the contract negotiations. The union's representatives met again last week with the Employer

Association officers and their attorneys, Mr. Redhead and Mr. Sullivan. After a whole day of fencing back and forth, the meeting was adjourned, with very little accomplished in the way of a real settlement. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, at Hotel San Carlos. We hope it will be more successful!

Mrs. Mary Roberts has been engaged as the office employee for Local 483, and started work on Monday, May 10. Mrs. Roberts is the wife of a member of the International Butcher Workmen's Union, and is no stranger to organized labor. She states that she enjoys the work, and looks forward to meeting all the members of Local 483. Give her that opportunity—by going to the office to pay your dues and insurance! She will cheerfully take your money!

Our new business agent, Martin Connors, has been in the field for two weeks now, and reports that he finds the work very interesting. By and large, the membership and the employers have cooperated with Martin very nicely—but, there are the usual few short-sighted members who take occasion to complain, criticize and "gripe" about the business agent's activities. This is to be expected, of course—but I cannot help but feel that it is totally unnecessary. The members who criticize the most—and the loudest—are usually nothing more than "card carriers" and don't give a hang about unionism. If they persist in their bar-room complaints, they'll have an opportunity to explain their gripes to the executive board, and the entire membership. We cannot allow the welfare of the local to be jeopardized by the ill-advised complaints of a few bad members.

There has been a small wave of members walking off their jobs in the middle of a shift, or reporting for work in a state of intoxication, during the past week. It has happened four times, and that is just four times too many. The executive board has been most lenient with members who have shirked their responsibilities to their employers in the past, but your secretary is going to strongly recommend that this leniency cease—at once. Two of the members who reported for work drunk will be cited before the executive board, and their secretary will recommend that they be suspended from membership in the local. We, as a group, have a definite responsibility to carry out. We must put forth a fair day's work for our day's pay—and those members who would give the whole local a "black eye" because of their own selfish thoughtlessness will have to look elsewhere for union membership. There is no place for them in Local 483.

We are rapidly running into a shortage of help, particularly of trained waitresses and good cooks. It is essential that any member who is looking for work report to the union office. There are jobs available nearly every day, and it is most discouraging to see them unfilled. So be sure to contact the

office if you need a job, or change your place of employment. If you have a friend who is interested in employment in the hotel or restaurant field, bring or send them to the office, and we'll talk things over. We need good members, who will be a credit to the local, the community, and themselves.

Don't forget about the coming election—the PRIMARY to be held TUESDAY, JUNE 1. GET OUT AND VOTE—and BE SURE YOU VOTE RIGHT!! The candidates for public office who have received the endorsement of our Monterey County Political and Educational League of the American Federation of Labor are as follows:

For Congress (11th District): Don C. McMillan.

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For Assemblyman (Monterey and San Luis counties): George L. Rice.

Talk over the issues, and the candidates, with your friends, your relatives, and your neighbors. And don't forget—labor takes its biggest beating every election time—at the polls—because working people all too often FAIL TO VOTE. You owe it to yourself, your family, and your state and nation—TO VOTE IN EVERY ELECTION—FOR THE CANDIDATE WHOM YOU BELIEVE WILL FAIRLY REPRESENT YOU — AND THE IDEALS WHICH YOU HOLD TRUE.

GEORGE L. RICE,
 Secretary.

Knowland's Bill Curbs Rail Crews

California's U.S. Senator William F. Knowland on Monday introduced a bill to bring railroad workers under the sanctions of the Taft-Hartley Act. But his anti-union colleagues, Senators Ball and Taft, believe instead that the Labor-Management Law restraints on walkouts should be incorporated in the Railway Labor Act.

"The common welfare of the whole nation," Knowland sneered, "must and will transcend the special privilege of any segment." Senator Ball, however, said he doesn't think the California's proposal "is the right answer," and Senator Taft declared that if anything is done about imposing further restraints on the economic action of the railroad workers, it should be within the framework of the present act governing their labor disputes.

Meanwhile, Morris Sayre, president of that notorious labor-baiting outfit, the National Association of Manufacturers, told a dinner session of the NAM's Northern California section this week that "it is high time that these rail unions and their practices should be blanketed within the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act."

Elections Repudiate Taft Law

Chicago.—A. F. L. President William Green declares that the overwhelming victories scored by labor in union shop elections required by the Taft-Hartley law constitute "a flat repudiation of the law itself."

In an address before the convention of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America here, the AFL leader hailed the way in which American workers have supported their unions, but warned that continued vigilance and action is necessary to prevent further restrictive anti-labor legislation planned by the reactionaries in Congress.

Citing the recent move of Senator Joseph H. Ball of Minnesota in calling hearings for the purpose of "toughening up" the Taft-Hartley law, Mr. Green urged AFL members to give full support to Labor's League for Political Education in its drive to rid Congress of labor's foes.

Reviewing the record of the elections conducted by the National Labor Relations Board on the union shop issue, Green said:

"To my mind it is big news that the labor unions have won more than 99 per cent of these elections, despite the fact that the odds were rigged against the unions by the Taft-Hartley Act, which requires them to receive a majority of all those eligible to vote, instead of those actually voting."

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Senate Passes Taft Housing Bill

Washington.—The Senate has approved the Taft-Ellender-Wagner long range housing bill and sent it on to the House, where it faces delaying action in the Banking Committee.

However, a petition to discharge a similar housing measure introduced by Representative Jacob Javits (R., N. Y.) has gathered 100 of the necessary 218 signatures.

A scant dozen senators were on hand for the final voice vote. The Senate lost interest after beating back a move the day before by Senator Harry Cain (R., Wash.) to knock public housing out of the bill. Cain was beaten 49 to 35 in a vote splitting party lines down the middle.

As the bill stands, it is primarily a measure to encourage the building of private housing. It includes authority for the government to build half a million housing units over a five-year period.

During the debate Senator Charles Tobey (R., N.H.) urged his GOP colleagues to remember that 1948 is an election year and that housing is popular among the rank-and-file of the American people. He charged the National Association of Real Estate Boards and the U.S. Savings and Loan Association with "doing their dirty work around the corridors of Congress and the committee rooms for the last four years, endeavoring to hamstring and cut the heart out of the bill."

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Important All Members: On Friday, May 21, elections will be held for both the elementary and the Salinas Union High School districts. It is important that you go to the polls on that day and vote for the following candidates, who have received the endorsement of this union and of many groups in our community: Albert A. Harris for the Salinas Union High School District, Jim Hunter for the Salinas High School District, and Mr. Kephart for the Alisal Elementary School District.

We would also appreciate your listening to KSBW on Thursday, May 20, at 8:30 p.m., for a 15-minute broadcast. This broadcast will give you a picture of conditions locally regarding our educational system.

We ask all of our members to notify the office of the union immediately if they find any non-union people working on the job with them. If you are unemployed, come to the office of the union and register for employment. We have assignments going out nearly every day.

Spiegel Farms: Contract with this firm has been formally opened as a result of a meeting held with members of our union working at Spiegel Farms. Contract is also opened for all of our members working for Liquid Ice in the shop and engine room.

The following committee is now acting as shop stewards at Spiegel Farms: Omar Barnes, Annette Shaw, Mae Wilson and Mrs. Slater. A meeting has also been held regarding rest periods and other changes affecting our present agreement. Notices will be posted at this plant regarding rest periods.

Attention All Members: On June 1, the primary elections will be held. It is most important that everyone who works for a living vote on that day. It is most important that this be done for many reasons, among which is the fact that the present incumbents who are purchasing periodicals in the local papers have not contributed one iota in the legislative halls which can be construed as beneficial for the community in which we live. For example, our present congressman, E. K. Bramblett, has subscribed to the whims of special groups. Mr. Fred Weybrett, incumbent in the 25th Senatorial District whose record will appear in this paper in a very short time, speaks for itself. His campaign is being sponsored by special groups whose aim is to destroy collective bargaining, thereby sacrificing any wages, hours or working conditions we now enjoy. All measures which have appeared before the Legislature in Sacramento regarding unemployment insurance which had a tendency to affect the working people in this community were subscribed to by the incumbent and, as a result, the Unemployment Insurance Act has been changed to such a degree that it has already affected the economy of our community—small business has suffered along with the people who would have been eligible for unemployment insurance. Mr. Silliman, incumbent for the Assembly District making up San Luis and Monterey counties, is equally responsible for the "anti" legislation which has affected the welfare of our people. Knowing that the Salinas Valley has very few industries which can be depended upon for year-round employment, and knowing that the economy of our district is based primarily on the lettuce industry, and knowing that during a three or four-month period in the winter there is no employment available for a great number of our working people in this district, it is important that unemployment insurance be maintained at such a level so that the people may be able to survive those winter months; and knowing that the unemployment insurance fund is made up from large industrial areas such as San Francisco, Oakland, San Diego, Los Angeles, Sacramento and other cities, it can therefore be assumed that payrolls in the form of unemployment insurance is made available to shopkeepers, landlords and a thousand and one other items which are not created in this area. The platform of the incumbent, shown by the records, is as follows: The incumbent has been against rent control, Assembly Bill 470; against unemployment benefits for seasonal and agricultural workers. Mr. Silliman supported the notorious Tenney Bills last spring, which would take control away from the local schools and the State Board of Education, Senate Bills 1026, 1027 and 1028. The incumbent voted against memorializing Congress to proceed with the development and the 160-acre limitation, Assembly Joint Resolution 42 and Assembly Resolution 275. The incumbent Silliman voted for the Hot Cargo Bill, S.B. 342—now declared unconstitutional. He also voted for the so-called Jurisdictional Strike Bills, Nos. 1492 and 1493. This was done of course with the assistance of such men as Weybrett. So when you go to the polls, remember the reasons why your union has entered politics—first, because laws are being made to prevent the working people from use of free

collective bargaining and bills are being introduced to muzzle the working people so that they will be unable to remedy the situation.

The following candidates have the endorsement of our local union:

Donald McMillen for Congressman, 11th Congressional District.
Fred Emlay for State Senator, 25th District.

George Rice for Assemblyman, 33rd District.
REMEMBER: On June 1 we have a date at the polls.

Our fight continues with Monterey County Liquor Distributors, 322 Monterey Street. This company has scab women drivers on the trucks while our men are locked out and on the picket line. We ask everyone to refrain from patronizing any product that is sold by the Monterey County Liquor Distributors. This firm is notoriously known as being opposed to unions in any form.

Patronize Union Service; Buy Union-Made Merchandise, and remember that the only union-operated cabs in the Salinas area are Yellow and Checker Cabs, phone 7337, and Salinas and Carl's Cabs, phone 5565. All other cabs in the Salinas area are non-union. **Ride only in union cabs.** Remember also that Firestone Store, Salinas, is 100 per cent union; also Don Hultz Tire Shop and Harry Rhoades' Tire Shop.

VETERANS NEWS

Examinations for probational appointments to positions of Registrar, Registrar Assistant and Administrative Officer (Medical) in Veterans Administration hospitals and offices throughout California, Arizona and Nevada were opened May 10 by the U.S. Civil Service Commission. Salaries range from \$2,644 to \$4,525 per year. Applications must be received not later than May 24 by the Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, Veterans Administration Branch Office 12, 180 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco 5, California.

The Veterans Administration Regional Office, 49 Fourth Street, San Francisco, has positions open for IBM operators, clerk-stenographers, clerk-typists and file clerks. Robert P. Shields, San Francisco V.A. manager, reports.

The Veterans Administration Branch 12 Insurance Service handles approximately 383,000 active National Service Life Insurance accounts for World War II veterans in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii.

The vast majority of the premiums on these insurance policies are paid on a monthly basis. The checks and money orders handled by Insurance Service employees run into millions of dollars each month.

In order to speed the handling and identification of these premiums, veterans are urged by V.A. to use official V.A. premium envelopes when paying National Service Life Insurance by mail.

Unionist Attacks Truman's Record

New York.—President Truman has "completely lost" the confidence of American workers and has no chance of being elected in November, President Max Zaritsky of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers (AFL) said here.

The labor leader's statement was the first public declaration of opposition to Truman to come from right-wing labor circles. It coincided with an open revolt among New York Democrats against the President, which was brought to a head by the administration's abandonment of the Palestine partition plan.

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT



RE-ELECT

JAMES W. SILLIMAN
TO THE
ASSEMBLY

33RD DISTRICT—MONTEREY AND
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTIES

MINUTES

Bldg. Trades Council

Meeting called to order by chairman Floy Mason, May 6, 1948, at 8:30 p.m.

Roll call showed 15 delegates from 8 local unions present.

Regular order of business was suspended. Dr. Cunningham, a visitor, spoke before the council. He spoke on his qualifications as a candidate from this district, for the State Senate. Dr. Cunningham is a member of the Independent Progressive Party. His speech was well received and Dr. Cunningham was thanked for stating his political platform and excused.

Regular order of business was resumed.

Minutes of the previous meeting—Apr. 15, 1948—were read and approved.

There was on Executive Board meeting as no quorum was present at the meeting April 20.

A Credential from Plumbers Local No. 62 was read. It was moved, seconded and carried, Bro. Roy Kreger be seated as a delegate, replacing Bro. D. Z. O'Neil.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from the Building Trades Dept. with a plan for settling jurisdictional disputes. Minutes and findings of the meeting held in Fresno by the Building Trades Council and Locals of the State. A letter from the State Federation of Labor, with a list of questions for political candidates, read and filed. Minutes of the Monterey Central Labor Council of April 20, noted and filed. A letter from the State Federation of Labor concerning a salary increase for Postal Employees read and filed. Minutes of the Santa Clara County Building Trades Council noted and filed. Two Weekly News Letters noted and filed. A report from the Governor's Council noted. A letter from the A. F. of L. Political and Educational Committee asking all Unions to send delegates to the next meeting to be held in Salinas May 14.

It was moved, seconded and carried, the plan for settlement of jurisdictional disputes be turned over to the Organization Committee.

It was moved, seconded and carried, a Committee be appointed to study the report of the meeting in Fresno. Committee appointed is: False, Bethards, Real, Long and Foster. It was moved, seconded and carried, we write our Congressmen to act favorably on the increase for Postal Employees.

All Bills were read and ordered paid.

BUSINESS AGENTS REPORT

Bro. Miller reports he has been unable to do anything with Darling Job and asks all Crafts to stay clear.

REPORTS OF UNIONS

Brick-Masons 16—No report.
Carpenters 1233—Bro. Bethards, good meeting.
Electricians 1072—No report.
Laborers 690—Bro. Casati, good meeting.
Lathers 122—No report.
Painters 272—Bro. Bolin, good meeting.
Plasterers 337—No report.
Plumbers 62—Bro. Long, good meeting.
Sheetmetal Workers 304—No report.
Roofers 50—No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bro. Dickerson, the Building Committee, reported on the progress of the Carpenters Hall and that a space had been reserved for the Building Trades Council. Bro. Bethards reported on the last meeting of the Central Labor Council. The By-Laws Committee presented the new proposed By-Laws for study and consideration. It was moved and seconded, the new By-Laws be sent to each Local Union and request a report be back by the first meeting in July. The motion was amended to read, the By-Law be back the second meeting in June (June 17). The amendment and motion carried.

GOOD AND WELFARE

It was moved, seconded and carried, that hereafter all political speakers be limited to ten minutes.

The Financial Report was read and approved.

There being no further business we adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY FOSTER, Rec. Secy.

Widows and children of servicemen who died during or as a result of war service are entitled to state financial aid for high school, college or trade school attendance through the State Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Anti-Monopoly Drive Hindered By Big Business

Disregard of the Federal anti-trust laws by businessmen has now reached such proportions that a general breakdown is threatened in the government's efforts to stamp out monopoly, it was learned last week.

Records of the anti-trust division at the Justice Department now list 1132 business corporations that are under indictment, charged with violating the Sherman Anti-trust Act, or the Clayton Act.

These laws, passed by Congress in 1890 and 1914, were supposed to protect the country from monopoly business and high prices.

Yet, today, 34 years later, the man in charge of enforcing these laws, John F. Sonnett, Assistant Attorney General of the United States, reports that "the concentration of economic power in American industry is at the highest point," since these laws were adopted.

In addition to 1,132 corporations now under indictment, in 119 different anti-trust suits, the courts have convicted several hundred additional business firms, defendants in 76 suits on which verdicts have been returned since V-J Day.

Fines were imposed in 46 cases after the Justice Department brought criminal charges of lawlessness against business monopolies. Business men pleaded guilty in 26 additional cases.

Sonnett points out that a single corporation, fighting a major anti-trust suit, will frequently pay out for legal talent alone more money than the anti-trust division gets from Congress to pay its entire expenses for a year. Many of the bigger corporation attorneys are paid retainers of \$100,000 or more a year.

The danger of this situation was spelled out recently in the little-noticed annual report of the Federal Trade Commission which charged:

"The steady growth of monopoly constitutes today's greatest domestic challenge to the American theory of competitive enterprise, and, along with it, all that is embodied in the meaning of the somewhat intangible, but nevertheless real, meaning of the 'American way of life' and 'freedom of economic enterprise.'"

Monopoly Charged On Presto Cooker

Washington.—Presto pressure cookers are being forced on dealers by high pressure monopolistic methods, the Federal Trade Commission charged in a complaint issued this month.

The National Pressure Cooker Company makes the Presto cooker and other kitchenware.

The Federal Trade Commission says the company violated anti-trust laws by forcing wholesale distributors to buy only Prestos, crowding other cookers out of the market.

FIREMEN ENJOINED IN 2ND BIAS CASE

Washington.—The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (unaffiliated) was enjoined from negotiating an agreement with employers which would set up a non-promotable class of firemen.

Justice Alexander Holtzoff issued the preliminary injunction in the interest of 21 Negro firemen, who claimed the agreement would curb their job rights. The ruling was at once sent to the U.S. Court of Appeals which already has another case brought by three Negro workers, alleging discrimination by the brotherhood and the roads.

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